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TO: James Truchan, Acting Chief, Environmental Enforcement Division

FROM: Rick Johns, Chief, Groundwater Quality Division

SUBJECT: Kent County Department of Public Works
Plainfield Landfill, Kent County

This is intended to formally refer the aforementioned facility to Environmental Enforcement Division for escalation of enforcement action.

The Grand Rapids District Groundwater Quality Division staff have determined that the groundwater has been and continues to be degraded as a result of the landfill activity. Compliance activities by district staff since discovery in November, 1982, have not resulted in satisfactory remediation of this situation by the Kent County Department of Public Works. To this end a Roger's Hearings was held on May 23, 1985, to allow the County an opportunity to show cause as to why the Department should not deny their pending application for relicensure. The County's response was inadequate to address our concerns and incorporated language which would allow the County to seek restitution for hydrogeological work being performed pursuant to the Headlee Amendment. Consequently, we recommend that the license application be denied.

The contact person for this case is Bonnie White out of our Grand Rapids District office, (616) 456-5071.

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CC: G. Heyt/B. White